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EMPLOYMENT

Daemen University

Assistant Professor of Philosophy

Amherst, New York

2019-Present

EDUCATION

Boston University

PhD, Philosophy

Boston, Massachusetts

2019

Dissertation: *Social Identities and Special Obligations*

1st Reader: Ann Cudd

2nd Reader: Sally Haslanger

Graduate Certificate: Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

2018

The University of Kansas

MA, Philosophy

Lawrence, Kansas

2015

PhD candidate, transferred to Boston University in 2015

Thesis: *Passing Identities in Public: Speech Acts and Special Obligations*

Chair: Ann Cudd

Arizona State University

MA, Philosophy

Tempe, Arizona

2012

Thesis: *Logical Generics and Gay Identity*

Chair: Cheshire Calhoun

The University of Dayton

BA, Philosophy, International Studies

Dayton, Ohio

2010

Thesis: *Gay Nation: Decolonizing the Forgotten*

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Bioethics, Ethics, Feminist Philosophy, Medical Humanities

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Social Philosophy, Political Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

1. "Including Transgender Identities in Natural Law." *Ergo* 10(18). 493-529. 2023.
2. "Are Mass Shooters a Social Kind?" *Res Philosophica*. 99(4). 427-451. 2022.
3. "And If It Takes Lying: The Ethics of Blood Donor Non-Compliance." *Kennedy Institute of Ethics*. 31(4). 373-404. 2021.

4. "Rethinking Same-Sex Sex in Natural Law Theory," *Journal of Applied Philosophy*. 37(3): 428-445. 2019.
5. "The Ethics of Ordinary and Exact Justification in Blood Donation Deferral Categories for Men Who Have Sex with Men," *Bioethics*. 32(7). 445-453. 2018.
6. "Allied Identities," *Feminist Philosophical Quarterly*. 2(2). 1-23. 2016.
7. "Accepting the Absurd," *Journal of Camus Studies*, 2013.

BOOK CHAPTER

1. "Complacency on Campus: How Allies Can Do Better," with Yingshihan Zhu, in *College Ethics: A Reader on Moral Issues that Affect You*. 2nd edition, Bob Fischer (ed.), 2020.

BOOK REVIEW

1. Review of *Social Dimensions of Moral Responsibility* by Katrina Hutchison, Catriona Mackenzie, Marina Oshana (eds.), (2018 print) in the *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 17(2): 241-44.

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

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1. *"Medicine and Moral Innocence," Ostapenko Center for Ethics in Medicine and Healthcare, Niagara University, November 8, 2023.
2. *"Including Transgender Identity in Natural Law," Keynote for 5th Annual Emmanuel College Philosophy Conference, Emmanuel College, April 15, 2023.
3. *"Allied Identities," American Red Cross of Western New York, March 21, 2023.
4. *"Including Transgender Identity in Natural Law," Regis University, September 22, 2022
5. "Natural Law and Trans-Identity," Romanell Center for Clinical Ethics and the Philosophy of Medicine, University at Buffalo, April 30, 2022.
6. *"Trans Identities in Natural Law," Philosophy & Religion Forum, The University of Southern Mississippi, March 29, 2022.
7. "Narrative Ethics and Caring for Patients with Cystic Fibrosis," with Martha Kershaw, Romanell Center for Clinical Ethics and the Philosophy of Medicine, University at Buffalo, December 4, 2021
8. *"The Metaphysics of Marriage," The Central APA, February 26-29, 2020.
9. "Lying in Blood," Romanell Center for Clinical Ethics and the Philosophy of Medicine, University at Buffalo, February 15, 2020.
10. "Reinterpreting Natural Law to be Inclusive of Same-Sex Relationships," Philosophy and the Ethics of Re-Interpretation Boston College Graduate Conference, April 12-13, 2019.
11. "Are Mass Shooters a Social Kind?," International Social Ontology Conference, Tufts University, August 22-25, 2018.
12. "Allied Training, Training Allies," Society for LGBT Philosophy, The Pacific APA, April 13, 2017.
13. "Lying in Blood: The Ethics and Politics of Blood Bans," Great Plains Philosophy Symposium, The University of Kansas, October 16, 2016.
14. "Allied Identities?," Society for LGBT Philosophy, The Eastern APA, January 6, 2016.

SELECT COMMENTS

1. John Lawless' "More Than a Capacity: Agency, Oppression, and Paternalism" (2019)

- The Creighton Club: Syracuse University
- 2. Eric Zimmerman's "Spinoza and Process Theology" (2014)
Great Plains Philosophy Graduate Conference: The University of Kansas
- 3. Shawn Simpson's "Pragmatic Positivistic Parallels" (2013)
Southwest Graduate Conference: Arizona State University
- 4. Jihwan Yu's "Hume's Skepticism on Induction" (2012)
Southwest Graduate Conference: Arizona State University
- 5. Steven DeLay's "Narrativity and Heideggerian Authenticity" (2011)
Southwest Graduate Conference: Arizona State University

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

- 1. Fellow, Romanell Center for Clinical Ethics and the Philosophy of Medicine, State University of New York, University at Buffalo (2022-Present)
- 2. Member, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, Western New York Chapter, American Red Cross (2023-Present)
- 3. Member, Pride Resource Group, Western New York Chapter, American Red Cross (2023-Present)
- 4. APA Committee on LGBTQ People in the Profession (2019-2022)
- 5. Referee for *The Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal*, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, *Diametros*, *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, *Journal of Medical Ethics*, *Bioethics*, *Philosophers' Imprint*
- 6. Lima Central Catholic High School (2015-present)
Designed a philosophy curriculum for high school students with Edmund Misiakiewicz (onsite teacher)

SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY

Daemen University

- 1. Middle States Commission on Higher Education Self-Study Group, Standard VII (2023-Present)
- 2. Lavender Graduation Organizer and Speaker (2023-Present)
- 3. Writing Advisory Council (2022-Present)
- 4. Religious Ethics in Medicine Lecture for Physician Assistant Program (2021-Present)
- 5. Campus Standards Board (2021-Present)
- 6. Equity Summit Presenter (2021-Present)
- 7. Medical Humanities Minor, Director (2020-Present)
- 8. Philosophy and Religious Studies Hiring Search Committee (2022-2023)
- 9. Educational Policy Committee, Member (2021-2023)
- 10. Human Subject Research Review Committee, Alternate Member (2020-2022)
- 11. Scholar's Day Interviewer (2020-Present)
- 12. Safety and Security Committee, Member (2020)

CONFERENCE CHAIRING

- 1. International Social Ontology Society (2018)
- 2. Society for Analytical Feminism (2016, 2018)
- 3. Pacific APA, (2014)

COURSES TAUGHT (INSTRUCTOR)

Daemen University

Philosophy 102: Medicine, Culture, and the Self: Introduction to Medical Humanities

Philosophy 110: Philosophical Thinking

Philosophy 247: Independent Study (Ethics of Heroes and Villains)

Philosophy 321: Medical Ethics

Philosophy 336: Sex, Love, and God

REFERENCES

Available upon request